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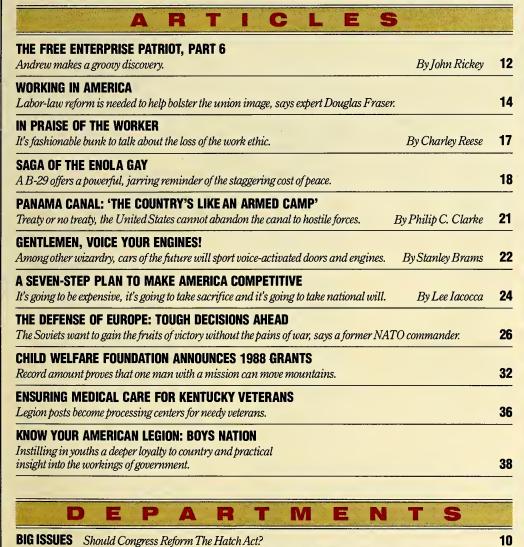


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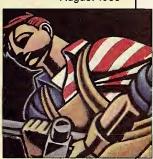
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LETTERS

Hemingway Goof

I wonder how many letters you will receive from Ernest Hemingway fans over a fluff in your "Gung Ho" piece (June).

The editors wrote, in part: "The lesson to be learned here is best exemplified by Thomas Hudson, the protagonist of Ernest Hemingway's *Islands in the Stream*..."

According to Bartlett's, the quote comes from *To Have and Have Not*, and if memory serves me correctly, the protagonist was Harry Morgan.

Willard Largent Berea, Ohio

Farm Crisis

The articles on America's farm problems (June) were exceptionally well done and to the point. Government should get out of farming. Farmers are much better at farm management than bureaucrats are.

So what if food prices go up? The offsetting savings from lower taxes should more than compensate. I would

rather know what my real food bill is than to have a big chunk of it hidden in taxes for bureaucratic salaries and overproduction support programs.

Carl F. Crumpton Topeka, Kan.

Farmers, the backbone of the nation, have been hit, and many of them are going down financially. We have to stop someplace. Some big operators overspend, overproduce and go broke paying interest on loans. Still others work at other high-salary jobs and do not have to make a living off the farm. They agree not to grow certain crops and are paid for it.

The small farmer, the lone operator, doesn't have much chance to survive what with increased taxes, which hungry politicians help create.

LaRue Confer Lockport, N.Y.

Leading Sheep

Congratulations on your May SDI articles. You do us a real service by presenting comprehensive information

on such issues, especially when including rebuttals of the stories put out by the likes of the "Concerned Scientists."

It is important to remember that many people who did not serve in the military spent their time polishing their verbal skills and learning how to manipulate public opinion. They know how to lead sheep, and the news media help them.

The "big lie" technique still works. Information is the antidote.

Matt Kehoe Modesto, Calif.

Strategic Defense

Your May issue was right on target. I am a newcomer to the ranks of The American Legion and am encouraged that with the position it has taken on SDI, there is still some hope that we will not ultimately fall under Soviet domination. The media's relentless efforts to portray the Soviet Union as being the moral equivalent of the United States have done great harm.

John Sangregorio Birmingham, Mich.

An evaluation of SDI by the Office of Technology Assessment said that the system would break down the first time it tried to destroy attacking Soviet ICBMs.

The irony is that in 1945, these attacking nuclear missiles—ICBMs—were declared to be a scientific impossibility by this nation's most prestigious educator: President James Bryant Conant of Harvard University.

Conant made this statement after half the scientists at Los Alamos thought that the atomic bombs that now adorn these missiles as warheads would not fire. Adm. William Leahy, President Truman's chief of staff in 1945, wrote: "The bomb will never go off, and I speak as an expert on explosives."

Well, the bomb worked, and the missiles to carry it worked. Now other experts claim that a system to shoot them down will not work.

If there's anything riskier than predicting what science will be able to do, it is predicting what it won't be able to do.

Man's capacity for thought, whether he is inventing a vaccine to save millions or a miraculous way to incinerate equal Please turn to page 52

CWF: Beacon Of Enduring Hope



In the coming months, a sexually abused child in Idaho will learn the difference between good touching, bad touching and secret touching; children in Pennsylvania will learn how to protect

themselves from sexual abuse, exploitation and adults who violate their trust; baby sitters in Maryland will learn how to recognize and give first aid for epileptic seizures; Washington teen-agers will learn about crime prevention; and low- and middle-income Indiana families will learn how to work through the devastation of drug abuse.

Who will do the teaching?

Eleven non-profit agencies and organizations that were awarded \$311,600 in grants from the Child Welfare Foundation, the largest amount awarded in the foundation's 34-year history. (See related story, p. 32.)

Since the fund-raising drive began in January, contributors have funneled

\$863,646 into CWF coffers—\$136,354 shy of the \$1 million goal.

"We're proud of this outpouring of love," said Children and Youth Commission Chairman Eugene V. Lindquist. "Our organization is second to none in its concern for America's youths, but without the volunteer assistance of the Legion, Auxiliary, Eight and Forty, SAL, and others, many of our children would be in critical need."

CWF funds help youths develop the intellectual, moral, physical and economic strengths they need to achieve happy, useful lives.

"Because of tremendous peer pressures on our youths today," said Lindquist, "we must continue to implement programs aimed at education and prevention to ensure a positive environment for the growth of tomorrow's leaders. CWF donations provide the means to achieve these goals."

One month remains in the drive. If you've been meaning to contribute but haven't, please do. The children across the nation are counting on you.

The Editors

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HEN I was elected National Commander at San Antonio, Texas, I asked you to prove to the nation that The American Legion is not one of those "gimme" organizations that takes more

than it gives.

As veterans of America's wars, we have earned certain entitlements from our government. Make no mistake, we do not ask for handouts. Quite the opposite. We ask only to be accepted as an organization that is always willing to help people who need our help.

One of the most wonderful memories I have of this past year is the countless examples of giving displayed by Legionnaires around the globe. My visits with thousands of Legionnaires confirmed my belief in my fellow veterans and in America. This year we supported more veterans and youths than at any other time in our 69-year history.

In San Antonio I also challenged you to raise \$1 million for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. This money, to be used to assist organizations that seek a better life for our children and youths, will provide a base of financial support for years to come. Raising this money demonstrates your total commitment to giving so that others can live in a better world.

During my travels I saw how hard you worked toward that \$1 million goal. In department after department I witnessed the true spirit of America as Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of the American Legion, Eight and Forty members, and our fellow citizens reached deep into their pockets. I know that next month, I will stand before the delegates to the 70th national convention in Louisville and announce that we not only reached, but surpassed, the \$1 million goal.

This is just one example of the giving that you performed for your fellow citi-



Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer

zens during my watch. But your efforts were not limited to fund raising for Legion programs. Congress laid challenge after challenge before us this year. On a positive note, lawmakers passed legislation to elevate the Veterans Administration to Cabinet status, which will give veterans a stronger voice in government. The American Legion worked long and hard to ensure passage of this legislation, and I know that we will be happy with the outcome.

On several occasions in recent months, I asked you to contact your representatives in Washington. Each time you responded enthusiastically.

The American Legion is constantly challenged by forces in Washington that want to hide important legislation within other important legislation. This was



the case with judicial review. First, a Senate committee attempted to attach a judicial-review amendment to the legislation that would elevate the VA to Cabinet level. You answered my call for action by making telephone calls and writing letters to the members of that committee. Together, we blocked that

But attempts to alter the judicialreview process did not stop there. Another judicial-review amendment was attached to a housing and urbandevelopment bill. Again, you blocked the amendment with your calls and letters to members of Congress.

On both occasions I contacted Legion leaders who can influence decisions in Washington. I asked for your assistance, and you responded in force. I am sure that as time goes on, these will not be the only opportunities you will have to make a difference. It is through such efforts that The American Legion keeps veterans' rights in the forefront on Capitol Hill.

It is our responsibility to make sure that legislation concerning judicial review and other vital issues is discussed and debated within prescribed legislative procedures. Each important veterans' issue must be discussed and debated on its own merits. Nothing as critical as judicial review should be considered in connection with other legislation. Once again, you proved that hard work can make a difference.

During this past year, I was encouraged by Legionnaires' participation in programs developed to help children and youths. The Legion's baseball, high-school oratorical contest, Boys State, Boy Scouts and fingerprinting programs continue to grow. Legionnaires can be proud of their labors. But much remains to be done in the years ahead, and I know that you will rise to the tasks before you. For example, this year the NEC approved Res. 23, which encourages posts to participate in the

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Nonetheless, Armstrong is concerned that the USSR is drawing ahead in the space race. Congress, he said, should be aware of the potential consequences of Soviet leadership in space exploration.

Molecular Fingerprints

A single hair or a drop of blood can now identify any person, according to the National Institute of Justice, a research arm of the Department of Justice.

Like fingerprints, one or two human cells, which contain unique genetic material, can be used for identification. Under a \$192,000 grant from Cetus Corp., forensic scientists have developed a method for removing a tiny bit of DNA from hair or blood.

Institute Director James K. Stewart predicted that a kit for applying the new technique will be available to local crime laboratories by next year.

Computer-age Profile

About 15 million Americans own home computers, but only about half of those owners use them, according to a recent Census Bureau study. About one-quarter of the 100 million employed Americans use computers at work.

Of 45.6 million students around the nation, 28 percent occasionally use computers. About 15 percent of American children from 3 to 17 years old have access to the devices at home; 80 percent of the boys and about 66 percent of the girls said that they operate them.

Altogether, 18 percent of adults—31 million—use computers at home, work or school.

Getting Out The Vote

In the 1984 Presidential election, voter turnout barely exceeded 50 percent of the eligible electorate, and the 1986 congressional races attracted only 37 percent of those voters. Two senators hope to encourage more Americans to use their precious franchise.

Senators Alan Cranston of California and Quentin N. Burdick of North Dakota have introduced a bill that they believe will raise the voting percentage. Their bill would establish simpler standards for voter registration in federal elections. It would permit voters to register by mail or in person on election day, and would eliminate regulations that

make the process unnecessarily complicated. More than 100 national citizens' organizations have endorsed the measure.

"Until we expand registration opportunities, the United States will continue to have the lowest voter turnout of any industrial democracy," Cranston told his colleagues. The sponsors hope that Congress will approve the bill before the November elections.

Citizen Corps Proposal

The Democratic Leadership Council, headed by Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, is calling for the creation of a Citizen Corps. Nunn wants a public debate of the proposal, which he said would revive "the American tradition of civic obligation and activism."

The plan would enlist young volunteers in efforts to combat illiteracy, homelessness, crime, pollution, lack of child and health care, and other social problems. In return for their service, the volunteers would earn federal vouchers redeemable for college tuition, job training and housing. Senior citizens also would be enrolled in full- or part-time jobs. Instead of vouchers, they would earn modest hourly wages.

Advocates of the plan said that with college and housing costs rising beyond the reach of many American families, and with career opportunities dwindling for high-school graduates who lack more-than-rudimentary job skills, the need for such a program is acute.

Exotic Mail

Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank predicts that America's postal system someday will rely on emerging technologies such as lasers, artificial intelligence, optical imaging, robotics, neural networks and parallel pipeline processing.

Frank recently told delegates to an international conference that U.S. mail volume is expected to grow by 60 percent by the end of this century, to about 250 billion letters, postcards and packages annually. To deal with the volume, the Postal Service is investing \$750 million in optical character readers and bar-code sorters, which are capable of drastically cutting labor requirements.

Also under development is an optical imaging system that will use light to process magazines and newspapers for mailing; this will be the first commercial application of computer "vision" technology. A new robotic/vision project will provide automated handling of parcels of varying shapes and sizes.

The Postal Service is ready to introduce an automated postal-teller system, a self-mailing station that also answers customers' questions about postal products and services.

Quote Of The Month

"It's a sure sign that the sun is setting when small men cast long shadows."

Chinese proverb

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SHOULD CONGRESS REFORM THE HATCH ACT?

Rep. William D. Ford, D-Michigan

For far too long, federal employees have suffered under the yoke of the Hatch Act, which was written for a different time and for far different circumstances. No longer should those who serve the federal government be denied the basic rights that other Americans enjoy.



As lawmakers, it is our duty to ensure that federal laws fit the times. We clearly have an obligation to federal employees in this regard.

It is important to understand that H.R. 3400 is the product of extensive negotiations between Democrats and Republicans. It is supported by every member of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, which I have the honor of chairing. It also is supported by every major federal-employee organization, including managers' organizations.

This legislation continues to forbid partisan political activity on the job. It will not, as critics have suggested, turn the federal work place into a political arena—quite the contrary. The language is crystal-clear: Federal employees may not engage in any political activity at work.

Federal employees will, however, be restored to full citizenship away from the job. In short, the bill provides for full citizenship off the job and no political activity on the job. This, I might point out, is a system that works well for many states and many foreign governments.

The bill contains strong, clear prohibitions against misuse of official influence. It provides that employees can be fined, fired or suspended for misusing their authority as federal employees to coerce others for political purposes.

Since it was passed in 1939, the Hatch Act has cost our democracy greatly. For nearly five decades we have denied some of our best-informed citizens the right to participate in the government process, and we have paid dearly for that.

Today, we have a firmly established merit system that protects both federal employees and the public from political abuse as a result of employment.

The Hatch Act, as it exists today, protects almost no one while placing a terrible burden on those it was designed to protect by excluding them from the political process.

Rep. Jim Leach, R-lowa



Congress passed the Hatch Act in 1939 in response to a Pulitzer Prize-winning series of articles on corruption in the Works Progress Administration. In a classic instance of political wheeling and dealing, Kentucky recruited support for the re-election campaign of Sen. Alben Barkley by making such support a

prerequisite for jobs.

By ensconcing non-partisan civil-service standards in law, the Hatch Act has protected the public—and the federal employees who serve it—from the poison of political coercion for nearly 50 years. Efforts to reduce this protection have now passed the House and await Senate consideration. If this legislation becomes law, the scandal-spawning spoils system, which precipitated the original Hatch Act, will remerge at a time when the stakes are far higher than a WPA job or two.

With the federal government responsible today for spending almost one-fourth of our gross national product, a non-partisan civil service is more necessary than ever.

Over the years, opinion surveys have revealed that most civil servants oppose removing the protections provided by the Hatch Act. Both those who do the work and those for whom they do it understand that dismantling the Hatch Act would make civil-service jobs and promotions increasingly dependent on donations to political parties and, more subtly, on donations to specific candidates at specific times.

Americans deserve the guarantee that present law provides: The people who deliver mail or process Social Security claims do so because they are qualified for their jobs, not because they support particular candidates or causes.

Similarly, federal workers deserve the guarantee that they will be hired and evaluated on the basis of the merit of their work, not on who or what they do or do not support in the political arena.

To the degree that partisanship would replace merit as the standard for employment and advancement, it would jeopard-

ize the quality of our government. The Hatch Act has played a critical role in ensuring competence as well as integrity in the civil service. It should not be weakened.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS, TOO

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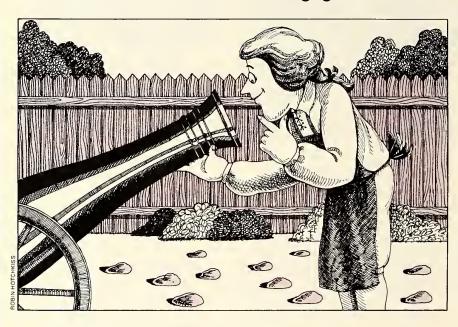
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A GROOVY DISCOVERY

A stone thrown by kids accidentally cuts grooves in the cannon barrel. The Army scolds Andrew for his negligence.



By John Rickey

FARNSWORTH AND COOPER CANNON AND CARRIAGE CO.

June 9, 1779 Wilfred Corners, Massachusetts

Major Hollis Corby Contracting Officer T2C-3 Weapons Systems Weapons Procurement Branch Headquarters, Colonial Army Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Major Corby,

The cannonball shipment you sent arrived day before yesterday, just after we

John Rickey, a former Air Force pilot, is an executive in the defense industry.

finished reaming the cannon to the 3-inch bore. The crate was marked, "Balls, Cannon, Specification 97864, 3-inch, Colonial Army," but we measured the balls, and they ranged from 2½ to 4¼ inches in diameter. We found 10 that were about three inches, so we'll be able to test our cannon with them.

Leonard finished the carriage last week. It turned out real well. We mounted a heavy log on it and hired some local boys to pull it around for us to see how far they could go in a day. The first day they went four miles and the second day two-and-a-half, but the first day they were going downhill quite a bit. So I guess we'll average out about what you asked for or a little better.

We've moved the carriage into the shop and removed the log, and we'll mount the cannon tomorrow.

We had a little problem the last night we reamed the cannon barrel. Some kids were throwing stones over our security fence that evening, and one fell into the barrel. During the night it worked into the reamer and gouged a little groove from the top to the

bottom around the cannon, but it doesn't look like it will hurt anything.

Sincerely,
Andrew Farnsworth
President & Project
Officer, T2C-3
Farnsworth & Cooper Cannon
& Carriage Company

Copy to Captain Hawkins

Colonial Army

l August 1779 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Andrew Farnsworth President Farnsworth & Cooper Cannon & Carriage Company Wilfred Corners, Massachusetts

Refer to: SRA 217-516

Dear Mr. Farnsworth:

Our technical staff has been consulted with reference to the damaging grooves you have cut into the barrel of your cannon. They advise me that this will not be satisfactory and that the barrel must be perfectly smooth. Although it is not known just what effect this groove might have if the cannon were fired, our experts suspect it has weakened the entire structure and that it would be hazardous to fire.

We will have an inspection team in Massachusetts next month, and they will examine the cannon to determine if it is repairable. Meanwhile, do not proceed with testing.

There is considerable concern here about the rather haphazard manufacturing techniques used by your concern, as exemplified by your negligence in allowing this damage to occur. As provided in subparagraph H, paragraph 24, Amendment 7 of Public Law 928, no payment will be made under your contract if the cannon is found to be irreparable.

By Order of the Commanding Officer Major Hollis Corby Contracting Officer T2C-3 Weapons Systems Weapons Procurement Branch Headquarters, Colonial Army Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Changes and Challenges

WORKING IN AMERICA

The shift in the economy from the industrial to the service sector has hurt the labor movement in the United States. But the trade unions are making a comeback, says Douglas Fraser, former UAW president.

American Legion Magazine: Union membership has declined to less than 20 percent of America's total work force. What caused this decline?

Douglas Fraser: First of all, the recent decline is a result of the loss of manufacturing jobs — about 2 million since 1979 — and that's the very sector of our economy in which unions are most highly organized.

Unions have to follow the shift in our economy from the industrial to the service sector, and they are doing that. With the new approaches to organizing that unions are taking, I think that you'll see union membership increase in the years ahead.

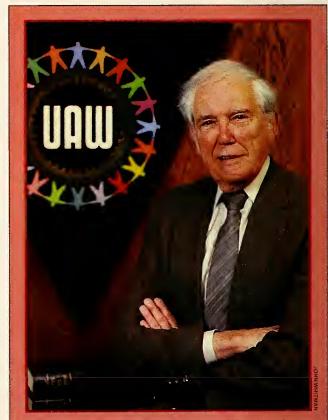
Are manufacturing cutbacks the only reason for the decline in membership?

A large section of the work force is extremely reluctant to join a union, for many reasons. I think that labor law in America is very unfair and one-sided, and that we need labor-law reform. We almost had it in 1978, but it fell victim to a Senate filibuster.

Also, we've got to do a better job of improving labor's image. The last convention of the AFL-CIO appropriated \$13 million for a program to educate the American people on the goals and meaning of the labor movement.

Another reason is that managements in the United States are the most anti-union in the democratic world — and I don't say that recklessly. In no other democracy will you see the ferocious opposition to unions that you see in the United States. Only in America do you see "labor-relations consultants," who are nothing more than people who teach managements how to avoid unions and even how to destroy them.

Hasn't the loss of members adversely affected labor's political and bargaining influence?



Douglas Fraser, a longtime president of the United Auto Workers, currently is a professor of industrial relations at Wayne State University.

There is no question that strength and size are related. However, I don't think that strength decreases proportionately with size; it depends on your ideas and principles, and on how you spend your resources. More and more unions are devoting greater portions of their resources to education, communication and organization.

Obviously, you prefer to have 50 million members, rather than 20 million. But the labor movement in the United States still is very potent.

The national unemployment rate recently fell to about 5.7 percent of the work force — the lowest level in years. What is the outlook for the rest of this year and into 1989?

First, the 5.7 percent is a bit deceptive. A lot of the new jobs that resulted in the low unemployment rate are part-time and service jobs — not all but many of them.

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The American people, through their government, have to come to grips with a harsh economic reality: the gigantic deficits in the budget, the national debt and foreign trade. These deficits will be difficult to deal with, so my guess is that unemployment will increase in the months ahead.

Can anything be done about that?

I think we've missed all sorts of opportunities. One of the things that bothers me is the apparent inability of government — both the executive branch and the legislative branch — to deal with problems until they reach an absolute crisis point. We're seeing this over and over again on Social Security and other issues.

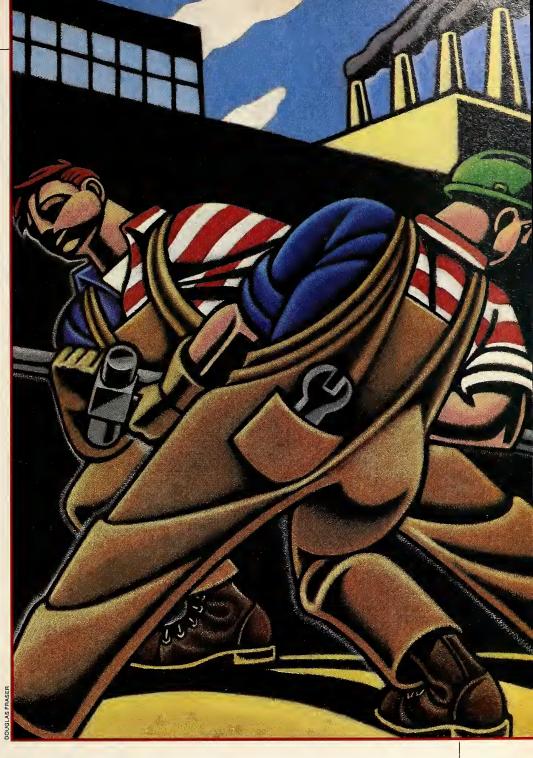
Everyone knows what to do about the budget — everyone except, apparently, the President. Leaders of both parties know that we have to reduce the budget and increase revenue. The longer the delay, the more difficult it is going to be.

What are the major problems affecting the U.S. work force today, and what do you think should be done about them?

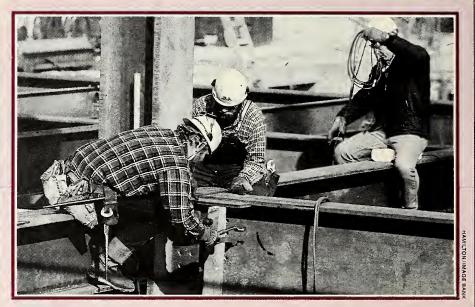
The major problem nearly always is providing jobs for men and women who are ready, willing and eager to work — providing them with secure, dignified jobs and safe working conditions. I suspect that the American worker's goal — to provide for one's family at a decent level — hasn't changed over the years.

Do any particular public policies cause problems for the labor movement?

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Are there any changes in public policy that you'd like to see?

Yes, several. First of all, we have to attack the problem of health care. Thirty-seven million Americans have no health care of any kind, and millions more have inadequate care. Certainly, we have to address that problem. Certainly, we have to vigorously pursue whatever opportunities we have to reduce the threat of nuclear holocaust. I think we are making good strides in that direction.

Q: How serious is the problem of competing with lower-priced imports?

That's a real problem, although I must say that the situation has improved in the past few months. For example, because of the yen-dollar relationship, American automakers are now competitive with the Japanese. Also, sales of expensive German cars in this country are slowing because the relationship between the dollar and the deutschemark is now more realistic.

American manufacturers still have a problem competing with low-wage countries such as South Korea. South Koreans are producing some very sophisticated consumer items, working for miserable wages in unsafe conditions under an oppressive government that doesn't allow labor unions to strike. Those people have a very low standard of living, and they deserve to earn more because they are very productive.

The answer is not to drag our standard of living down to the level of South Korea's. That is not how you make progress in this world.

! Is protectionism the answer?

Well, protectionism is sort of a code word. There are some kneejerk free traders in this country. But the American people have to insist, through their government, that we introduce the concept of fair trade along with free trade.

There is gross discrimination and inequity in our trade relationships with countries such as Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. We have to demand that they open their markets to American goods to the same extent that we've opened our market to their goods.

Do you think that the declining dollar has set the stage for a strong comeback in American exports?

There are signs of that now. I think the fact that other currencies are strengthening against the dollar helps us in two ways: It improves our ability to compete with imports, and it makes it easier for us to export. A lot of people say that the dollar has fallen far enough. The yen is hovering at about 130 to a dollar; it used to be 240. I don't worry about that. The dollar can slip just a little more.

way to make American industry more competitive is to make massive new investments in automation. Is that going to displace more workers?

Our union always has embraced the notion of new technology and automation. It's a simple economic fact of life that if you are negotiating a contract and want a larger slice of the economic pie, the easiest way to get it is to make a bigger pie, and the way to do that is with increased technology. It is bad economics to try to resist or impede new technology. Also, your competition won't allow you to ignore it.

As for the impact on jobs, new technology often results in higher employment. Technology allows you to improve the quality of your product and stabilize or reduce its price; this makes you more competitive, which means that you can sell more and, therefore, employ more workers.

Yet in certain situations, the introduction of new technology results in the loss of jobs. You have to face that reality. A labor leader has to say that change is necessary and inevitable, but that the trick is to manage change in a rational, humane, compassionate way.

Unions can say, for example, that they won't deter the introduction of new technology but will contract the work force on a rational basis: They will do it by attrition. You never resist the introduction of new technology; you try to have it done in an orderly way.

1: Does that include retraining the work force?

Yes. You have to prepare the workers so that they can adapt to new technology. A lot of work is being done in that regard.

How does the massive immigration of low-paid

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IN PRAISE OF THE WOORKER

By Charley Reese

HE great treasure of America is not the land, as beautiful and bountiful as it is. Nor does it consist of the gold and the paper currency in bank vaults. You can find America's treasure in any telephone directory in any city or town in the United States. There you will find a representative sample of the millions of skilled working men and women who are this nation's greatest treasure.

As we do with most of our blessings, we take these working people for granted. It never occurs to us that if it weren't for them, nothing would be built, and no one would repair our machines and appliances. Were it not for this great army of people who know how to do things and how to do them right, our country would collapse overnight.

Somehow, we seem to have forgotten about them. They are mostly absent from the television and motion-picture screens, and from the newspapers. When a new high-rise office complex is announced, the emphasis usually is on who will occupy it and who is financing it. Virtually nothing is said about the the amazing team of workers who will start with bare ground and blueprints, and with their own hands will build this great cathedral of commerce.

For many of us, just building a birdhouse would be a two-week project. It seems to be nothing less than a miracle that a group of working people could so perfectly construct something so large so fast. Larger and infinitely more complex than the cathedrals of Europe, the

Charley Reese is a syndicated columnist on the staff of a major daily newspaper in Florida.



BACKBONE—America's work ethic and its enormous skilled labor force are unequaled in the world.

great towers in our cities are monuments to the people who build them.

However, those in the building trades are only part of the treasure of America. The millions of men and women who make our industries, businesses and service organizations—and, yes, even our governments—work also are part of that treasure.

T'S fashionable these days to talk about America's decline. It's fashionable to talk about the loss of the work ethic. Both are fashionable bunk.

America is not in decline. If it were, there wouldn't be so many people trying to get here and virtually no one trying to leave. Nor has our work ethic dropped off, either. Think about it: No country that's in decline, that doesn't have a strong work ethic, could possibly produce the enormous gross national product that we do. Look away from the TV screen at the real world. What do you see? You see men and women working hard day and night, seven days a

week. They are the heart that pumps life into the great American economy.

I stopped taking our working men and women for granted during a visit to Egypt. It was my first face-to-face look at Third World poverty. The longer I stayed, and the more I inquired about and studied the subject, the clearer it became that the crucial element of prosperity that's missing in so many underdeveloped countries is a skilled work force.

Most developing countries aren't short of university graduates, intellectuals, writers, artists and soldiers. What they are short of are carpenters, mechanics, sheet-metal workers, ironworkers, cement finishers, painters, nurses, secretaries, medical technicians, bookkeepers, electricians, pipefitters, machinists and all the other skilled people who are so abundant in this great land.

Foreigners still think that Americans are workaholics. Contrary to what the politicians and ideologues say, we are still admired for being people who know how to make a country work. This is still a place where you can build a rocket, produce a million widgets, erect a grand hotel or staff an enormous medical complex. It's no problem. The American working man and woman can do it.

Most Americans are like my father. He worked hard all his life; he took enormous pride in knowing how to do his job and do it right. Like other working men and women, he had the integrity that so often is missing on Wall Street and in Washington. When he died on his front porch one summer evening, he was still wearing his work clothes. If he had had a choice, he probably would have wanted it that way.

It's because of him and the millions of working people like him that I still have firm faith in America's future. Whatever the future brings, it won't bring any job that America's working men and women can't handle.

AUGUST 1988

43 years ago this month the world witnessed the advent of the nuclear age when a B-29 dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

NE after another, the B-29s thundered down the runway on the island of Tinian and slowly climbed into the starlit morning canopy over the South Pacific. The 9,000-pound "Little Boy" was cradled in the belly of the lead bomber, the Enola Gay, as crew members prepared for the mission. It was Aug. 6, 1945— 1,217 days after the "day of infamy."

Darkness became light and ocean became land as the planes cruised on automatic pilot over the coast of Japan. The recorder was turned on, and Enola Gay pilot Col. Paul W. Tibbets Jr. spoke to his crew over the intercom: "This is for history, so watch your language. We're carrying the first atomic bomb.'

The target now loomed just 30 seconds away, a sprawling industrial city waking up to another day of manufacturing ammunition to be used against the United States. Enola Gay crew members pulled dark goggles over their eyes and listened to bombardier

Thomas Ferebee over their headsets: "...three, two, one. Bomb away!"

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Suddenly almost five tons lighter, the Enola Gay pitched violently upward as Tibbets regained control of the silver giant, rolling it into a steep bank and a hard 155-degree right turn. What do 20,000 tons of exploding TNT look like? Tibbets thought. Just don't go off early.

A thousand suns began to rise from below, and the cabin of the Enola Gay lighted up like a welder's torch. Nine miles away from the target, the plane rumbled and rocked from a massive shock wave; it rocked again from the echo of the blast.

At 8:16 a.m., Hiroshima was no

more. The Enola Gay and its compan-

TINIAN 12-Crew members of the historic mission were selected by Tibbets (second from right).

STHE ENOLA ion bombers, the Great Artiste and No. 91, surveyed the results of their mission, then sped back to Tinian. Three days later, a similar bomb would fall on Nagasaki, forcing Japan to surrender.

> TODAY, the Enola Gay, the most famous of the B-29 "Superfortresses" of World War II, gathers dust in a Smithsonian Institution warehouse in Suitland, Md. The plane's massive wings, 141 feet from tip to tip, have been clipped; its 99-foot fuselage is split in



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half. In the words of Gen. Douglas Mac-Arthur, the *Enola Gay*, like old soldiers, is fading away literally and in memory.

Some of the men who served under Tibbets in his hand-picked 509th Composite Group refuse to allow the plane to fade into obscurity. They have formed the Enola Gay Restoration Association, which has been negotiating with the Smithsonian to restore the bomber to its original condition and to move it to a suitable location for public display.

Donald C. Rehl and Frank Stewart, co-directors of the Indianapolis-based non-profit group, are seeking public support for the bomber's restoration. Rehl and Stewart served as pilot and navigator, respectively, in Tibbets' secret bomber group, and were training in Wendover, Utah, when the mission over

Hiroshima was flown. "There are many compelling reasons why it should be restored," Stewart said. "It is a sobering symbol and reminder of the fragility of peace. The first atomic mission and the *Enola Gay* will have a significant place in history." The historic bomber has been the property of the Smithsonian Air and Space

Museum since 1949, when the Air Force donated it for preservation. During the early years, the plane marked time on the ground in Chicago, Texas and Arizona. It made its last flight in 1953, landing at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. It later was dismantled and taken to the Smithsonian's Paul E. Garber facility, where it now shares cramped quarters with about 75 other aircraft.

Smithsonian craftsmen have done some restoration in the cockpit and bomb-bay section, but according to Rehl, the work has been painstakingly slow. So slow, in fact, that he and other members of the association are convinced that the plane never will be fully restored.

"It's disheartening," Rehl said. "We understand that the Smithsonian has a limited budget and is understaffed, but it has found the resources to restore aircraft that came long after the *Enola Gay*."

The restoration group wants to work with the Smithsonian, and plans to offer it a detailed package that would include the services of restoration experts and any necessary replacement parts. The package also includes the financing of a special facility to house the *Enola Gay*. The plane, they said, would remain the property of the Smithsonian.

Backers of the project said they believe that the Strategic Air Command museum near Omaha is the most fitting home for the *Enola Gay*. That proposal has the support of Nebraska lawmakers and SAC Commander Gen. John Chain. The plane was built in nearby Bellevue, Neb

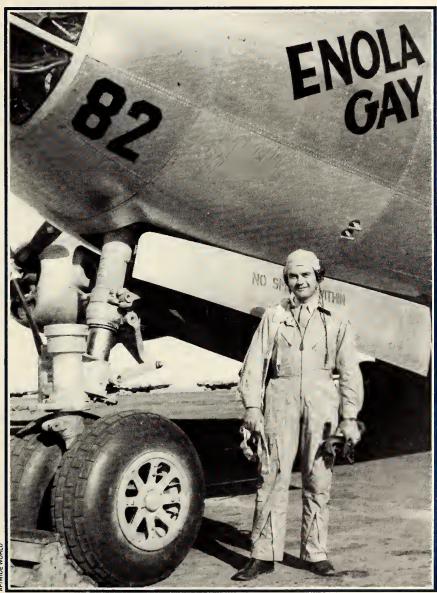
"When the *Enola Gay* is restored and properly displayed to the public, she will be a shining tribute to those who served faithfully in the 509th," said association member Elbert Watson, publisher of *World War II Times*. It was

SOME PEOPLE say that we will insult the Japanese if we restore this historic plane.

Watson's publication of a story about the *Enola Gay* in 1987 that led to the formation of the restoration group.

Conceived by Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, there was nothing to match the B-29 when it rolled off the assembly

MOM'S THE WORD—On the eve of the Hiroshima mission, Tibbets named the B-29 Superfortress after his mother.



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PUBLIC PLEA — Government restoration of the Enola Gay has come to a standstill. Tibbets and members of his crew are seeking public support for restoring the bomber.

line at Martin Aircraft Co. The Boeingbuilt plane had four powerful fuelinjected engines, reversible-pitch propellers and the first pressurized cabin. The zenith of air technology of that day, the B-29 could fly faster, higher and longer than any Axis bomber.

But the Enola Gay is the best-remembered of the B-29s. "There are a lot of fellows who will tell you that plane saved their lives," Rehl said. Indeed, even as the bomber flew to Hiroshima, U.S. war strategists were mapping out plans for Operation Olympic and Operation Coronet — the invasions of mainland Japan. It's been estimated that there would have been as many as I million Allied casualties in those assaults; a fourth would have been killed. Japanese losses, both military and civilian, would have been even greater, by most accounts.

"It's not our intention to turn the display of the *Enola Gay* into some moneymaking shrine or a Disney World," Stewart said. "The *Enola Gay* is history, but as time passes, people will forget its significance in bringing that war to an end, and the prospect of restoring this plane will become more remote. That's why we're not giving up."

THE Japanese father directs his wife and three children to move closer together so that he can take their picture standing in front of *Bock's Car*, the B-29 that dropped the plutonium-enriched bomb on Nagasaki. Although most people remember the name "Enola Gay," few remember the name of this bomber. Yet it gleams under the spot-

lights at the cavernous Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Nearly all visitors stand in awe of the machine. Paul Tibbets is among those visitors. "What a beautiful plane she was, and still is," Tibbets said, looking up at the Plexiglas nose of the machine. "The B-29 handled like a charm."

Tibbets was to the B-29 what Chuck Yeager would later become to supersonic jets. Tibbets, who was the first American to fly a mission over German-occupied Europe in a B-17 bomber, was the point man in testing the bulky B-29. He challenged it relentlessly, pushing it to every extreme and through every conceivable hairraising maneuver. He suggested changes and modifications, then punished the plane some more before declaring it "the best flying machine I ever flew."

Tibbets named the plane after his mother, Enola Gay Tibbets. "When I decided to fly planes, she was the only one who supported me," he said. "My father would never let me near planes or motorcycles — he hated them. He thought I would end up killing myself on either one of them." But there is

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HIROSHIMA: WAS IT JUSTIFIED?

APAN refused to surrender unconditionally, so Col. Paul W. Tibbets, commander of the 15 bomber crews of the secret 509th Composite Group, was ordered to prepare for a special bombing mission over one of three Japanese cities: Nagasaki, Kokura or the primary target, Hiroshima.

Tibbets' Enola Gay and six other B-29s lifted off from Tinian during the early morning hours of Aug. 6, 1945. Three would fly to the target cities and radio back weather conditions to Tibbets. The Great Artiste and No. 91 would accompany the Enola Gay to photograph and record the effects of the atomic bomb. Top Secret would fly to Iwo Jima as a backup plane, should the Enola Gay develop mechanical problems.

At 7:24 a.m., the weather plane over Hiroshima reported clear skies. At 8:14, the *Enola Gay* began its bomb run; at 8:15:17, the bomb-bay doors snapped open. At 8:16, the bomb exploded 1,890 feet above Hiroshima. Three days later, Maj. Charles Sweeney piloted *Bock's Car* over Nagasaki and dropped a second atomic bomb called "Fat Boy."

In 1959, 14 years after the day of the bomb, the Japanese officer who led the attack on Pearl Harbor visited the American officer who flew the atomic-bomb mission over Hiroshima. Tibbets recalled the meeting: "Mitsuo Fuchida told me that had the United States invaded Japan, Japanese losses would have equaled or been greater than those of Americans involved in the invasion. He said that every man, woman and child would have resisted an invasion, and they would have been prepared to do so with sticks and stones. By not invading, lives were saved on both sides."

That view was shared by one of Japan's leading physicians, Dr. Taro Takemi, who wrote in the Journal of American Medicine in 1983: "It [Japan] surely would have lost the war and many people would have starved if the atom bomb had not been dropped. When one considers the possibility that the Japanese military would have sacrificed the entire nation if it were not for the atomic-bomb attack, this bomb might be described as having saved Japan."

PANAMA CANAL

'The Country Is Like An Armed Camp'

By Philip C. Clarke

EN YEARS have passed since the U.S. Senate, by a one-vote margin, ratified the Panama Canal treaties calling for the canal's complete turnover to Panama Dec. 31, 1999. But don't look for any 10th-anniversary celebrations. Instead, Washington finds itself embroiled in a struggle by the Panamanian people to end two decades of domination by a corrupt and repressive military dynasty.

At stake are the future of the Panama Canal and of America's vital interests in the region. Nearly half of all U.S. trade, two-thirds of our imported oil and more than half of the strategic minerals from overseas pass through the canal or the Gulf of Mexico.

The prospects of a secure and stable democracy appear bleak. At this stage, U.S. options are few and uninviting. Washington is well aware that any overt action to remove Panamanian President Manuel Antonio Noriega and his cronies, however justified, inevitably would ignite a firestorm of anti-Yankee protest throughout Latin America and, indeed, much of the rest of the world.

Economic sanctions aimed at Noriega appear counterproductive. So far, a cutoff in U.S. aid and freeze on bank payments have unintentionally imposed new hardships on Panama's people and raised the prospect of \$1.5 billion in emergency U.S. aid to repair the damage. Noriega, for his part, blamed Washington for wrecking the country's economy and threatens to sue the United States in the World Court for \$5 billion.

Likewise, U.S. diplomatic pressure has backfired. After stringing Washing-

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STAND-OFF—A showdown between the United States and Panamanian strongman Noriega seems inevitable.

ton along for several weeks, Noriega rejected its "plea bargaining" offer to drop drug indictments if the general would leave Panama until next May's scheduled elections—elections that critics predict will be rigged or stolen by the military in any case. And Noriega supporters now hint that the general himself may decide to run for president, riding a wave of anti-U.S. nationalism generated by his confrontation with the "colossus of the north."

A "palace coup" against Noriega, while always a possibility, appears remote in the wake of an abortive revolt last March by a disgruntled colonel and

THE LEGION'S POSITION

Res. 39, adopted by the National Executive Committee in October 1986, urges the United States to take any action necessary to ensure that the Panama Canal is operated efficiently and in a manner consistent with U.S. national security interests.

a few others. The attempt was easily put down; one protester reportedly was wrapped in an American flag and beaten. Noriega since has purged his ranks of disaffected remnants and promoted about 100 of his more fervent loyalists.

Yet the dangers of doing nothing ultimately could prove greater. On the diplomatic and propaganda fronts, Noriega has accused the United States of violating the canal treaties, demanded the withdrawal of all U.S. forces now and called for the canal's nationalization. In "rent-a-mob" street demonstrations, Noriega supporters, many wearing T-shirts with the slogan "The canal is ours," chant, "Gringos, go home!"

Washington has firmly rejected Panama's propagandistic demands. But under treaty terms, the directorship of the binational commission, which oversees canal operations, in 1990 will pass from an American to a Panamanian selected by the military regime. And in the step-by-step transfer of the canal, more than 60 percent of its assets already have gone to Panama.

Both Havana and Managua have pledged "revolutionary" support to Noriega. The Soviets, despite Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost and talk of new agreements with Washington, are lending the Panamanian strongman rhetorical and ideological backing. The United States, for its part, is keeping close watch for any sign of a serious threat to American citizens in Panama or to the canal. The standoff is delicate and potentially explosive. "The country is like an armed camp, and tensions are running high," said Merchant Marine Capt. John E. Wallace, who was a senior Panama Canal pilot for 20 of his 28 years in Panama.

"If the United States puts too much pressure on Noriega," warned Wallace, "I can see a time when he might try to sabotage the canal. It would be very simple to drain Gatun Lake or knock out a major spillway, in which case the

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GENTLEMEN,

YOUR ENGINES!

By Stanley H. Brams

EMEMBER Buck Rogers? His world was one of farout imagination—landings on distant stars and incredible mechanical devices. Yet those "impossible" episodes of years past are facts of life today.

The same is true of automobiles. When you read about what's in store for tomorrow's cars, don't react with disbelief. The models you'll be able to buy in the '90s will do things that are hard to imagine now. They'll provide maplike directions on a screen, mile by mile and even block by block between your starting point and your destination. Their doors will open and engines will start at the sound of your voice; no keys will be needed. They'll steer through four wheels rather than two, so you'll be able to almost slip sideways out of a tight parking space. Engineers are working today on such innovations — and more.

Many of these advances, all the way from automatic darkening of the rearview mirror to smoother-shifting transmissions, have a common root: elec-

Today's automobiles generally contain 50 to 75 electronic chips — thin

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wafers that range from thumbnail-size to several inches long. Clusters of them fit into "black boxes," whose functions range from controlling the air-and-fuel mixture in the engine cylinders to adjusting the springs to balancing road roughness and leveling the vehicle.

One study indicates that chips and black boxes — including actuators, microprocessors and transducers account for about 12 percent of the total cost of a car. That study estimates that this will grow to 17 percent by 1995. Thus, if a 1995 model costs \$20,000, its electronic devices will represent about \$3,400 of that amount.

Tomorrow's autos, small and large, will have more than 125 chips. They will control and monitor the car's basic functions, such as the engine, transmission, frame, lights, and heating and cooling systems.

There are some plans to equip future

cars with recorders like the ones commercial aircraft carry; these recorders will track performance and record potential problems. It's not hard to do electronically. When the owner takes the car in for a checkup, the technician will have a ready record of what needs attention.

In the future, car bodies will be made mostly of plastic rather than metal, which will result in weight savings and relatively quick repair of dents by bolting in replacement body sections. And plastics don't rust.

Plastic sections will make it easier for designers to move ahead on today's experimental cars. Teardrop styling will become more pronounced, and wedge shapes will lose favor as time

goes by.

Front lighting will be revolutionary. Headlamps no longer will be used; instead, cars will sport a narrow beam all the way across the front. (Sylvania reportedly is developing an eight-segment unit of that sort now.) Such a unit will do a better job of lighting. Moreover, it will allow the front end of the car to dip lower, reducing wind resistance (hence adding to fuel economy) and giving designers more freedom in streamlining.

New styling may spring from the installation of two small engines rather than one big engine. That approach, which is being researched at Honda in Japan, would permit the creation of entirely new body designs, maybe with winglike structures housing power plants



on the sides. Operating economies can also be achieved with that kind of approach. Both engines could run during start-up and when maximum power is needed, and one could be cut off when power needs are minimal, as when cruising at sustained speed. This would resemble four-wheel-drive systems that can be switched on and off as needed.

When you start the engine of a future car, it will be so silent that you may need a little light on the dashboard or steering wheel to tell you it's running. The engine's power will be exquisitely controlled, thanks to both mechanical improvements and electronics.

Aluminum components will replace steel to reduce weight. Valve timing will electronically control speed, acceleration, deceleration and "load" (as when driving up a steep hill), saving fuel and lengthening engine life.

On the horizon is a completely different kind of engine, somewhat akin to aircraft power plants: an automobile gas turbine. It's driven by highly compressed gas flowing through a family of silicon carbide ceramics that are now being developed and tested. The new versions of those ceramics are light and strong, and their great virtue is their ability to withstand the intense heat that turbines generate.

The turbines that future ceramics can make possible will use inexpensive fuels, saving motorists money and carPROTOTYPE—Chrysler's Portofino, one of the cars of the future, is equipped with front doors that pivot up and out, plus wraparound taillights.

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rying the national economy far forward because of reduced dependence on foreign oil. Energy Secretary John Herrington recently said that such power plants could get 60 to 70 miles per gallon of fuel, thanks to their greater efficiency per unit of energy.

In any case, tomorrow's fuels almost surely will contain the ethanol or methanol additives that are found today in some brands. Auto manufacturers are making provisions for this in their designs of future engines, since it will save petroleum supplies. A University of Michigan study two years ago forecast gas prices of \$1.20 a gallon in 1990, \$1.50 five years after that and \$1.70 in 2000. And that's without a Middle East disturbance, which led to the gas-price explosion in 1973.

The keyless car is already here, using numerical combinations like those of a safe; you press the correct numbers in sequence and the door opens. But that's tame compared with a development that is being worked on all over the industry, internationally as well as in

the United States.

That development is voice control. When you buy your future car, your voice will be matched to a control device. Your voice then will command many of the car's operations. It will open the door; it will start the engine; it will adjust your seat. The car won't perform those functions for anyone except you or someone whom you authorize to share voice control.

All cars of the near future, not just today's luxury models, will have light-sensitive devices that automatically darken your rearview mirror when a car comes up behind you with its bright beam on. Similarly, all front lights will dim from high beam to low when oncoming cars appear, then return to high. And window glass will darken slightly under the sun's direct rays, like the eyeglasses you can buy today.

A development that will be widespread before 1990 is steering through four wheels instead of two. Engineers say that electronically regulated four-

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Seven-Step Plan To Make AMERICA OMPETITIVE

"We've all got to bleed a little," says Lee lacocca, who proposes tough national policies to help America regain its competitive edge.

By Lee Iacocca

T LOOKS like competitiveness is going to be the big issue in this year's presidential election. Let me tell you what we're up against as a nation right now. This is a quote from Wataru Haraizumi, a prominent member of the Japanese Diet: "Americans have never had an economic or business competitor of this magnitude. This is why you Americans are having a hard time with us. You're unnaturally scared."

He's absolutely right; we're unnaturally scared. But what are we afraid of? Have we suddenly forgotten how to compete?

We've got the natural resources, we've got the technology and we've got the human talent to compete with anybody. What we seem to lack is the will to compete. I'm talking about the national will. I'm talking about national policies designed to help America compete, like the national policies in the countries that are cleaning our clock right now.

And maybe at the bottom of this whole lack of will is the fact that we don't want to face up to the costs of

competing. Getting competitive again is going to be expensive. We won't do it with pep rallies and lapel buttons; it's going to take a lot of sacrifice.

I've got a plan to make America competitive again. My plan has seven points—each of them simple and all of them expensive.

• No. 1 on my list is to cut the federal budget deficit. Almost a trillion-and-a half dollars of new federal debt just in this decade and an annual bill for interest alone that's pushing \$190 billion—we've got to be losing our minds! We went from the biggest creditor nation to biggest debtor nation in just a couple of years because we've had to suck in so much foreign capital to feed this monster.

ND when we try to get the Japanese and others to mend their mercantilistic ways, they throw our own debt right in our faces and say, "If you didn't have a budget deficit, you wouldn't have such a huge trade deficit." And of course, they're absolutely right. Since 1980 we've run up a cumulative trade deficit of almost \$700 billion. That's a lot of IOUs.

But how do you fix it? You have to cut spending and raise taxes. That means sacrifice by everybody.

• No. 2 on my list is a competitive trade policy. We're playing by different rules than everybody else, and we can't

keep it up. Nobody's talking about closing the borders. But we can't let the American market be the dumping ground for the world's excess capacity, either. And that's what we're doing.

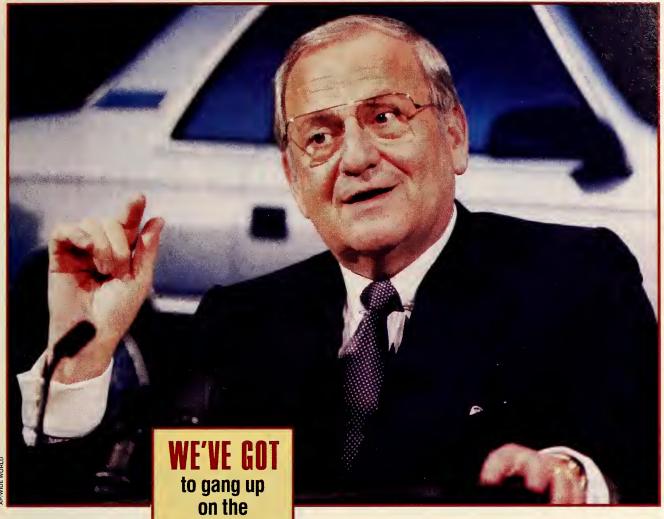
We'll probably all pay a little more at the store for imports, and it might be tougher to control inflation. But there's no free lunch.

• No. 3: If we're going to compete, we've got to change the tax code. We spent a whole year on tax reform and only got one of the three right. I'll grant that the new law is fairer. But it had to be revenue-neutral, they said, so it didn't raise a dime against the deficit. And it shifted about \$120 billion directly onto the backs of American business. So we got less competitive.

We must reform taxes again. And I have a strong hunch that some of those rate cuts most of us got last time might not be there when it's over.

• No. 4: We need an energy policy. We're right back in the 1960s, joyriding on cheap gas again. We just won't learn from history. We cannot compete without a secure and independent energy source, but we have been capping our wells.

To maintain our energy independence, we've all got to bleed a little. We need an oil-import fee, or better still, a gas tax—or both, so we don't get hooked on foreign oil again.



Lee Iacocca, one of the nation's top executives, is chairman of Chrysler Corp.

• No. 5: We've got to gang up on the corporate raiders and run them out of town. Last year more money was spent on takeovers in this country than on all the new plants and equipment, and a lot of

our best management talent that should have been trying to ward off the Germans and the Japanese was busy ward-

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We need to stop that, and of course there's a cost. All the easy money made by the raiders, the arbitrageurs and the paper-pushers on Wall Street will have to be made—as John Houseman says—the old-fashioned way.

• The sixth point in my plan is to give our kids an education that equips them to compete. Here's an irony that I just can't fathom. America still has the best

graduate schools in the world; Harvard and Stanford are meccas for the brightest students from Japan, Korea and everywhere else. But across town in our high schools we have students who can't read or write, can't count and—you can bet on it—can't compete.

We've got to spend more money on education if we're going to catch up. We've got to do a lot more than just throw money at the problem, of course, but we can't duck the costs.

• No. 7: Companies have to spend whatever it takes to get more competitive than the people overseas. And there's some good news on this one: We are. The whole manufacturing sector has chalked up productivity gains of more than 4 percent a year during the '80s, compared with 2 percent a year during the '70s.

But do you know what the productivity gains have been on the non-manufacturing side—in the service sector? Zero. And with the shrinkage in manufacturing, 76 percent of our labor force is now in the service sector.

Do we really want to become just a service economy? Or do we want to encourage the investment needed to make our heavy industry—and our country—even more competitive? I think the answer is obvious if we're serious about competing in the world.

Those are my seven simple points: cut the deficit, give us a trade policy, take another stab at tax reform, maintain our energy independence, run off the corporate raiders, give our kids a better education and encourage more investment in our industrial productivity. They're simple, but they're all expensive. They all mean sacrifice.

We don't need any more blue-ribbon commissions to study American competitiveness. All we need is a blue-ribbon commitment to accept the costs of making America competitive again.

THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE TOUGH DECISIONS AHEAD

The INF Treaty has accelerated the need for the United States and its NATO allies to improve their conventional forces in Europe, Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, former NATO commander, says in this exclusive interview.

American Legion Magazine: Now that the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty has been signed, where do we go from here in ensuring Western Europe's defense?

General Rogers: We must keep our deterrent's credibility level as high as possible. That means that we have to continue to press all NATO nations, including the United States itself, to improve their conventional forces. This treaty doesn't change that, but it does make it more urgent that we get on with it.

1. What should our priorities be?

I've always believed that the first priority should be to improve the forces we have already committed to Europe. Second, we should continue to modernize our forces, while we search for ways to take advantage of our strengths and Warsaw Pact weaknesses. And third, we should consider raising additional forces.

Those are the priorities we had for at least the eight years when I was NATO commander.

How else can NATO maintain the credibility of its deterrent?

We have to implement the second half of the Montebello decision of October 1983. This was to reduce nuclear theater weapons to fewer than 4,600. We finished that last year. But in addition, there was an agreement that we would modernize our remaining nuclear forces.

We also should ensure that we have improved and protected our dual-capable aircraft. They really are the only platform we have left that I think can retain some credibility as a deterrent.

Q. What about countering the Soviets' massive land forces in Europe?

Clearly, we must vigorously pursue a satisfactory agreement for verifiable, balanced reduction of conventional forces. I also believe that we should move forward on a 50 percent reduction of strategic missiles. We should tie that agreement to a satisfactory agreement on the conventional side; otherwise, we will lose leverage with the Soviets.

What will cause the Soviets to want to reduce their conventional forces, when they have such a disparity in their favor? If they want a START agreement so badly, they may well come around on the conventional side if we keep that leverage up. We should have applied that leverage with the INF Treaty, but we didn't. Let's not lose it here.

Since warheads are considered in these strategic negotiations, we must be careful that we don't put all of our warheads on too few missiles. To reduce U.S. vulnerability to a Soviet first strike, we need to have mobile ICBMs with fewer warheads than we have on our ICBMs that are stuck in the ground. To me, that dictates going more to the Midgetman, which is mobile and has a single warhead.

Also, I think we need to take a look at our ballistic-missile submarine fleet to see whether we wish to keep so many warheads on each submarine. Perhaps we should have more submarines with fewer missiles on each.

NATO also needs to ensure that it has a strategy for arms control. What we have been doing is responding to the initiatives of General Secretary Gorbachev. A NATO strategy would determine how far down the slope of denuclearization we should go. How should we handle Gorbachev's proposal for a nuclear-free zone throughout central Europe? Would we consider giving up dual-capable aircraft, even though the Soviets have twice as many as we do?

Is it wishful thinking to believe that other NATO nations will increase their conventional forces to offset the coming reduction in intermediate-range missiles?

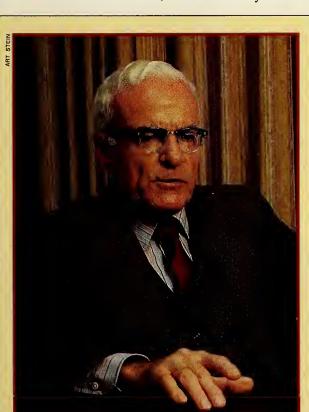
Yes. We have been unable to convince the people of Western Europe that there is a threat to their freedom—that down the road, the Soviets might well neutralize Western Europe without firing a shot. That has been my greatest concern.

I'd say that the chances are slim to none that additional resources will be made available by Western European countries that are headed by coalitions or by minority governments. There are few votes for defense in such nations; the votes are for public and social programs. That is not unique to that side of the Atlantic, either; we have the same problem here.

Q. As commander of NATO's forces, did you get the impression that the Soviets really intend to attack Western Europe?

No. But I do believe that they intend to accomplish the objective I described. I don't think the Soviets want war—they want to gain the fruits of victory without the pains of war. The Warsaw Pact's massive conventional forces could merely threaten to seize territory in Western Europe.

I believe that the INF Treaty may well accelerate the achievement of that objective. It causes NATO to give up most of its nuclear deterrent, which is the key factor in



Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, a former Rhodes Scholar and chief of staff of the U.S. Army, commanded NATO forces in Europe for eight years before retiring last year.



WIDENING GAP – Warsaw Pact nations lead NATO forces in conventional capabilities.

NATO's overall equation of deterrence. If there should be a war in Western Europe—a confrontation between the Warsaw Pact and NATO—I believe that it would come as a spillover from a confrontation of the superpowers someplace else.

The deployment of Pershing missiles must have struck you as being a great demonstration of will in Western Europe. Would NATO do that again if the Soviets don't adhere to the INF Treaty?

I think it is a myth to believe that Western Europeans would ever again undergo the trauma that they did between December 1979, the decision time, and December 1983, when we first deployed the Pershing and cruise missiles. I believe that those missiles are going to come out

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whether or not the INF Treaty is ratified. I just can't believe that any government in Western Europe could face the wrath of its people by retaining them now that the United States has declared those weapons to be dispensable.

Q. Supporters of the INF Treaty have indicated that the 4,000 atomic warheads that will remain in Europe are adequate insurance. How do you react to this?

That is misleading the people. Remember that NATO's mission is to deter war. The Soviets must perceive that they will suffer greater pain than gain, should they attack. The 4,000-warhead stockpile includes a few nuclear maritime depth charges, which have a range of zero. Then there are hundreds of artillery-fired projectiles with a range Please turn to page 49



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HELPING US HELP VETERANS

The American Legion VISA Card

HE American Legionsponsored VISA card, now in its eighth month and in the hands of one of every 50 Legionnaires, is living up to its promise to assist members while helping the Legion meet its obligations to

America's veterans.

Under a unique agreement, Maryland Bank, N.A., the program's administrator, makes a monthly contribution to the Legion based on individual members' credit purchases during that month. To date, the net-sales amount used to compute the contribution is more than \$75 million, or nearly \$1,500 per cardholder.

"The program certainly has proved to be a boon to our members," said Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer. "When I announced the credit-card program in October 1987, it was my earnest belief that its use by our members, if they got behind the program, would demonstrate in a tangible way our ability to serve those who have served." He said that as more Legionnaires come to understand how this program benefits both individuals and the Legion, more members will take advantage of it.

Comer encourages Legionnaires who have not yet applied for the card to do so, even if they already hold other credit cards. "There are many good reasons to carry The American Legion VISA card, not the least of which is that the card carries the Legion emblem directly above the cardholder's name," he said. "You put that on the counter every time you make a credit purchase throughout the country-and the world. The 5.7 million businesses that accept the card represent tremendous potential for spreading awareness of the Legion as a major force in America and in our communities.'

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VETERANS UPDATE

records were discovered recently, raising new hope for many service-connected disabled veterans who have been unable to establish VA claims for compensation because their records were destroyed in a 1973 fire at the National Personnel Record Center in St. Louis.

VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage said the records are on 91 magnetic tapes turned over to the National Archives by the National Research Council, a private organization that conducted research on the Army during the '50s.

The records, which have been turned over to the NPRC, contain medical information on battle injuries treated in Army hospitals during the 1942-45 World War II period and the 1950-54 Korean War period. While most of the records involve Army and Army Air Corps veterans, the VA said the tapes also contain records of members of other service branches who were admitted to Army hospitals during those periods.

Information from the records is not available yet because of the technical complexity involved in converting the data from the tapes, Turnage said. The NPRC has completed the conversion of 1944 records, which covers 3.5 million entries for 2.4 million service members. The 1945 records should be available soon, and work on Korean War records will follow. A VA spokesman said that records for 1942 and 1943 will be the most difficult to convert because of inconsistent numerical-coding systems used during those years.

The VA currently is crosschecking files to determine what claims cases can be reopened. Veterans who seek further information are advised to contact the nearest VA regional office. A toll-free number is listed in telephone directories. Turnage said the VA has established Project Expedite to provide special emphasis on tracking applicants' inquiries and timely updates on the project.

he smoke from the judicial-review controversy had barely cleared when Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer was back on Capitol Hill, trying to ward off other legislation that would weaken veterans' rights.

Comer issued a Legion legislative alert in June, when he learned that Rep. Lane Evans of Illinois and Rep. Tony Coehlo of California were attempting to add a judicial-review measure to the HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill. Meanwhile, Sen. Alan K. Simpson of Wyoming was attempting to attach a judicial-review amendment to S. 533, the bill that would elevate the VA to Cabinet status.

Comer led a successful alert in April, thwarting a Senate committee's attempt to add judicial-review legislation to S. 533.

"The move in the Senate is particularly offensive," said Comer, "because such a maneuver was soundly rejected at the insistence of The American Legion while the VA-elevation bill was still in committee. Such a maneuver would deny The American Legion the opportunity to clarify its long-standing position concerning judicial review of individual veterans' claims."

Comer said he promised Sen. John Glenn of Ohio that the

Legion will review its stand on judicial review, and make recommendations that would preserve the interests of individual veterans and the integrity of the VA appeals system. He said that he made the commitment at the senator's request when Glenn's Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs reported out the VA Cabinet bill without amendments.

In clarifying its position, the Legion is seeking legislation that would uphold limited judicial review in cases involving the validity of VA regulations or other constitutional issues. The Legion also wants improved VA adjudication and appeals processes, and clearer guidelines on veterans' rights and privileges under the appeals system.

"To deny The American Legion the right to be heard in a public forum violates the legislative process, which is so essential in solving an issue as complex as this one," Comer said. "We have no fear of open debate and honest discussion. We do adamantly oppose hanging such an important piece of legislation as an ornament on unrelated legislation, where it would receive little, if any, consideration on its own merits."

According to Comer, the House maneuver "would allow a vote on judicial review without benefit of hearings and consideration by the House Veterans Affairs Committee, where debate rightly should begin. One can only wonder at the underlying motives of those who seek to circumvent not only the established legislative process, but also fundamental fair play.

"Clearly, it is necessary for The American Legion to take immediate action. I have sent a letter to the speaker of the House, firmly stating our opposition to these maneuvers, and have followed that letter with telephone calls to key members of the House.

"There are many in Congress who believe, as we do, that these issues deserve the benefit of the full legislative process. They face powerful opposition. By our letters, phone calls, telegrams and personal visits, we let them know that we stand squarely behind them. They will then face their opposition with the knowledge that they have the support they need in order to prevail."

veterans'-employment-assistance bill,

S. 999, which was virtually written by members of the Legion's Economics Commission, has been signed into law by the President. Public Law 100-323 reinforces the system through which veterans'-employment assistance is delivered at Job Service offices nationwide. The law will do much to stem the tide of "devolution," a current proposal that would turn control of employment services over to the states. If devolution were to occur, it would be extremely difficult to enforce veterans'-preference law.

The legislation establishes a mandatory staff of about 1,600 Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) in the Employment Service and prevents major staff reductions in veterans' training programs. It also provides funding for the Veterans Job Training Act and makes it a multiyear operation instead of a short-range program that requires regular extensions.

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Legion's Child Welfare Foundation Awards \$311,600 To 11 Organizations

HE American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has awarded a record \$311,600 to 11 non-profit organizations that benefit America's children and youths. This year's total was the largest amount of money awarded in the foundation's 34-year history.

The record amount comes in a year in which Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer has pledged to add \$1 million to the foundation's coffers before the national convention in September. "But it's purely coincidental," said U.S. "Udie" Grant, the foundation's president. "The amount designated this year was based on revenue for last year, not this year. Comer's splendid efforts, however, could affect the amount of grants that we award next year."

Receiving grants for 1988-89 were:

• American Legion Post 59 of Aberdeen, Idaho, \$58,000, for its project "Am I the Only One?" and for nationwide distribution of a booklet for sexually abused children.

• The Aplastic Anemia Foundation, Baltimore, \$24,500, for the first half of its two-year project "Aplastic Anemia: Educating the Public and Professional."

• Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America, Philadelphia, \$61,300, for "Project Empower," which helps protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

• The Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, \$35,500, for its injury-prevention and safety program.

• The Epilepsy Foundation of America, Landover, Md., \$10,400, for printing and national distribution of "A



PLAYING SAFE—One of the organizations that received a CWF grant was the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for its injury-prevention and safety program.

Babysitter's Guide," which teaches baby sitters how to recognize seizures and give proper first aid.

• The International Rett Syndrome Association, Fort Washington, Md., \$9,000, for "Project Awareness: What Is Rett Syndrome?"

• The National Crime Prevention Council, Washington, D.C., \$13,000, for its project "Charting Success," which includes a workbook for teenagers on crime prevention and community-service programs.

• The National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, Denver, \$25,500, for producing and distributing videotapes on pediatric asthma.

•The National Marfan Foundation of \$2,000 from SA Port Washington, N.Y., \$18,800, for its Brighton, Minn

project to educate coaches and physical-education teachers about Marfan Syndrome, and how early detection can help its victims live normal lives.

• The Near Eastside Multi-Service Center Inc., Indianapolis, \$5,600, for its project to help families deal with drug abuse.

• The Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, West Palm Beach, Fla., \$50,000, for its community program to teach children and teachers how to lead safer lives.

In announcing the 1988-89 grants to the National Executive Committee during May's Spring Meetings, Eugene V. Lindquist, chairman of the National Commission on Children and Youth, said, "This has truly been a magical year for the foundation. Comer has proved without a doubt that one man who has serious resolve can move mountains.

"Without the help of a national mailing system or professional fund-raisers,

your commander has almost singlehandedly put us right on schedule to raise \$1 million by the time of the national convention," Lindquist said.

In a recent tour of eight departments, Comer was given more than \$100,000 for CWF. At press time, total donations were just over \$863,000, with \$12,000 coming from outside the Legion family.

Continued outstanding support has been displayed by Sons of the American Legion, as well as by Legion posts, Auxiliary units, and Eight and Forty salons. SAL's National Executive Committee authorized a \$15,000 donation from the organization. Among additional donations were \$2,300 from the SAL squadron of Fort Wayne, Ind., and \$2,000 from SAL Squadron 513 of New Brighten, Minn



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LEGIONNAIRES HELP BRING MEDICAL CARE TO KENTUCKY VETERANS

LEAK economic times and a lack of transportation to distant VA facilities prevent many Kentucky veterans from receiving care. But Legionnaires and the Lexington VA Medical Center are working to help them overcome those obstacles.

In July 1987, the hospital began its Internal Medicine Mobile Clinic program, which takes health-care services to veterans in outlying areas of the state. The unit is staffed by a physician, nurse and medical clerk, who provide examinations, screening and referrals for follow-up care at the Lexington hospital.

The Legion, which has been involved in the project since its inception, is responsible for providing facilities for the visits. Clinics have been established at Legion posts in Somerset, Irvine and Morehead: the medical team visits each site once a month. Also, Legionnaires arrange to transport veterans to and from the clinics, and publicize the clinics through local media.

"Many veterans in this state live too far away to travel to Lexington and get the help they need. For many, that ultimately could mean the difference between life and death," said Bill Metcalf, service director for the Legion's Department of Kentucky. "But the bottom line is that many of these people are unemployed or live in poverty. They just don't have the money or the means to get to the hospital."

A number of veterans in Kentucky and throughout the nation were victims



FILING FORMS—Kentucky Department Service Director Bill Metcalf assists veteran Clara Jacobs with VA medical-care forms at Corbie Ellington Post 126, Morehead, Ky.

of 1987 legislation that eliminated beneficiary travel pay for VA patients. Without the allotment, many are unable to pay for transportation to VA medical facilities.

HE mobile clinic is the brainchild of Dr. Philip DeSimone, a staff physician at Lexington's VAMC. "The idea behind the project is to reach veterans who are underserved," said Mike Swan, chief medical administrator at Lexington. "Dr. DeSimone's main thrust was to reach those people who cannot get to us, and we're doing just that."

During the first five months of the program, 801 veterans visited the clinics, according to Swan. A fourth of them were first-time users of the VA system.

Metcalf, who has visited many of the clinics, said that many veterans who

come to the sites were unaware that they are entitled to medical care. "In many ways, we're educating Kentucky's veterans on their rights and benefits, and these folks appreciate it," he said.

In February, a cholesterolscreening clinic was started at Somerset to help identify and treat veterans who are candidates for heart disease. Head and neck examinations also have been included in the clinic programs, and plans are under way to establish sessions for veterans diagnosed as suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The success of the program already has caught the attention of VA headquarters in Washington. A \$110,000 grant has been earmarked for the purchase of a special medi-

cal van equipped with an X-ray machine, an EKG (heart monitor) machine, audiology and speech instruments, and laboratory supplies for sample collection.

The medical van is scheduled to travel to 13 sites around the state, according to Swan, and will be on the road four days a week. There are plans to hire another physician, a physician's assistant and a health technician.

"The cooperation between our hospital and the Legion shows what can be done to help veterans," Swan said. "We depend on the Legion immensely, and it always delivers."

According to Metcalf, the clinic has had some indirect benefits for the Legion as well. "We've had a number of people ask how they can join," he said. "But best of all, these people get to know that the Legion is concerned about them—about all veterans."

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HEY'RE members of rival political parties, elected by the voters in their states. They meet and work in the nation's capital, and their sessions often result in heated debate over proposed legislation. They form political blocs, hold hearings and pass laws. And at the end of the day, they may be found listening to rock music, discussing their plans for after high school and "pigging out" on pizza.

They are delegates to The American Legion's Boys Nation, a program held each summer in and around Washington, D.C. For the past 42 years, young men from around the country have been given the opportunity to learn how the

federal government works.

"Delegates to Boys Nation discover the challenges faced by our lawmakers and our nation," said Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer following the 43rd session of Boys Nation, held at Marymount University in Arlington, Va., July 22-30. "Perhaps more important, the program instills in each delegate a sense of civic responsibility and loyalty to America."

Boys Nation is an extension of the Legion's Boys State program, which was launched in 1935 by the Department of Illinois. The program soon caught on with other departments, and Legion posts sponsored delegates to programs that simulated state and municipal governments.

The first Boys Nation, then called Boys Forum of National Government, was held at American University in Washington in 1946. Since that time, more than 4,200 young men have graduated and benefited from the intensive program.

"Many delegates to Boys Nation served as a governor or lieutenant governor at Boys State," said Legion Americanism Commission Chairman Robert S. Turner. "At Boys Nation, each represents his home state as a senator.



TOMORROW'S LEADERS - Each summer, Boys Nation delegates conduct elections and establish a federal government.

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After delegates arrive, the first order of business is to separate them into two mock political parties: Nationalists and Federalists. Then, party leaders are selected, and a president pro tempore is elected to sit as head of the Senate. Midway through the session, four delegates hit the campaign trail for the offices of president and vice president of Boys Nation.

Delegates are assigned to committees, which grapple with controversial current issues, not unlike those that the U.S. Senate faces. In these sessions, participants practice the arts of legislative action and compromise, and learn how a bill becomes law. Many Boys Nation delegates have shown keen awareness of a variety of social and political issues, sponsoring legislation that reflects positions on prayer in public schools, registering women for the draft, nuclear disarmament and the use of military troops for drug interdiction.

"Some of our discussions got a bit warm at times," 1987 Boys Nation President Robert A. Sternfels told Legionnaires at the 69th national convention in San Antonio. "But we worked together, despite our differing opinions, and were able to form a consensus."

Although the days are long and the lawmaking process often is tedious, delegates to Boys Nation find time to meet with their elected representatives on Capitol Hill and talk to other federal officials. Many Boys Nation sessions have been highlighted by meetings with U.S. Presidents.

Delegates also visit many of the sites that are synonymous with the nation's capital: the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, the Smithsonian Institution, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Nearby Legion posts regularly host dinners and receptions, and delegates get to meet their female counterparts who participate in the Auxiliary's Girls Nation program.

"Boys Nation provides firsthand experience in how our system of government works," Turner said. "This program plays a leading role in the development of tomorrow's informed, responsible citizens."

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Singer Lee Greenwood To Headline Kentucky Convention Festival

EGIONNAIRES and their families who attend the 70th national convention in Louisville Sept. 2-8 will have the opportunity to see and hear a man who never has made a secret of his love for America.

Singer Lee Greenwood, who topped the country-music charts a few years ago with his stirring "God Bless the USA," is the featured entertainer at the Convention Festival, which will begin at 3 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 5. The festival was previously scheduled to be held at Churchill Downs, but was changed to the Kentucky State fairgrounds, about 15 minutes by car from the Convention Center. Numerous attractions, entertainment and a wide selection of cuisine will be available to those who attend the festival. The track will be closed for racing that day.

"This is our third year to offer the festival during the national convention, and we expect that this year's event will be just as successful as the previous two festivals," said Douglas Henley, chairman of the national Public Relations Commission.

Convention business will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6, when delegates will convene to consider a full slate of resolutions for 1988-89. Several dignitaries are scheduled to appear throughout the three-day convention, which climaxes with the election of the new National Commander.

Legionnaires who seek convention mementos might want to consider the souvenir decanter, fashioned in the image of a goateed colonel, a widely recognized symbol of Kentucky. The decanter is filled with non-alcoholic mint julep and will be available at the convention. It is now available through National Emblem Sales Division, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. The cost is \$29.95, plus \$3.50 shipping and handling.

While many Legionnaires will be tackling the job of helping to shape the Legion's programs and legislative priorities for the coming year, others will be rolling up their sleeves for a different purpose. Working with the Louisville Region of American Red Cross Blood Services, Legion officials have arranged a special two-day blood drive on Sept. 3 and 7.

The Galt House complex and the Hyatt Regency have been selected as co-headquarters hotels for the convention. Both facilities overlook the Ohio River and offer a stunning view of the Louisville skyline.

Louisville, which hosted the Legion's 11th convention in 1929, is centrally located for most Legionnaires. "The location and charm of this city, known for its hospitality, fast horses and tradition, promise to make the 1988 national convention a successful and memorable gathering," said Robert Radke, convention director.



LEGION ADMIRER—Lee Greenwood, country-music singer and featured attraction at this year's convention festival, autographs his hat for permanent display in the Emil A. Blackmore museum at national headquarters.

Legion Selects Top Boy Scout

ROY E. Eckhardt, 17, sponsored by Herbert D. Gibb Post 259, DeBary, Fla., has been named the 1988 American Legion Scout of the Year. Eckhardt, who graduated from high school with honors last spring, will receive an \$8,000 college scholarship from the Legion and an all-expenses-paid trip to the 1988 national convention in Louisville.

Eckhardt, who plans a career in electrical engineering and a tour of duty with the Air Force after college, attended Florida Boys State in 1987 and was elected chaplain of the senate. He earned his Eagle Award in Scouting in 1984 and has more than 60 merit badges.

Named runners-up for the award and receiving \$2,000 college scholarships are Robert K. Nickel, 17, sponsored by City Service Post and Unit 537, San Diego; Jonathan Lee Offt, 17, sponsored by M.J. Kirby Post 170, Blairstown, Iowa; and Matt Takara, 17, sponsored by Pueblo Post 2, Pueblo, Colo.

ESPN Plans To Air Legion Baseball

T PRESS time, ESPN had agreed in principle to televise the final game of The American Legion World Series, to be played Aug. 28 in Middletown, Conn. The championship game, scheduled to be aired Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, will feature the two finalist teams out of 4,000 that started the season this past May and June in 50

states and Puerto Rico.

The Legion plans to use some of the commercial time to promote its programs and membership, and to tell The American Legion story. Commercial sponsors also are being sought for the telecast.

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WORKING

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foreign workers affect the U.S. work force?

Not all immigrants gravitate toward low-paying jobs; that's sometimes exaggerated. Some immigrants come here with substantial skills and professions. But let's consider the undocumented workers who came here. These people make a contribution to our economy, because many times, they take jobs that are unacceptable to other people. In addition, they can't collect welfare, Social Security or social services, so they are not the burden that some people claim they are.

I favor the recently enacted immigration act. It could have been a bit more liberal to suit my taste, but certainly, that is how we should handle immigration. Now that the law is in place, let's see how it operates for a couple of years. Maybe some adjustments will be needed. But that was a giant step in the right direction.

Q: Has the United States largely licked inflation?

I don't know whether you ever lick it. It is a constant worry to me, because I think that poor workers suffer disproportionately during periods of high inflation. If you look at the period when we had double-digit inflation, you'll find that non-union workers suffered most, because unions are able to protect organized workers to a degree.

We've been doing a better job of managing inflation in the past few years, but the watchword here is constant vigilance.

Many people blame labor for pushing up operating costs and causing inflation. Is that the case today?

When people ask about high wages, they ask half a question. The other half is, what is the productivity of those workers? For the past six or seven years, unit labor costs actually have stayed even or gone down in several industries, including communications, steel and automobiles. The reason for that is very simple: Productivity increases have exceeded the increases in wages and fringe benefits.

I recently read that American steelworkers can produce a ton of steel at a lower cost and in fewer man-hours than any other workers in the world, including the Japanese. A newly developing country might be an exception, but compared with modern industrial countries, we are now producing steel at a lower cost.

Q: How has productivity in the auto industry improved?

According to Red Pelling, vice chairman of Ford Motor Co., productivity in the auto industry increased by 6 percent per year from 1980 to 1986 — way above the national average. Meanwhile, wages and fringe benefits increased by less than 6 percent; therefore, the unit labor cost declined.

To be fair about it, one of the other reasons is the decline in inflation.

Q: Have major strikes, with all of their economic disruptions, become a thing of the past?

Oh, no, although the right to strike is being exercised less often. Strikes, you know, really are the weapon of last resort; they always have been and always will be treated that way. You need power in order to get things done, but you must exercise it intelligently and constructively, so you have to be very careful in exercising the right to strike.

Yes, there will be strikes as long as



there are working people, as long as there are companies and as long as there is freedom. There are no strikes in the Soviet Union.

Unions also are thinking about other methods of putting pressure on companies, which is the idea behind strikes, not the desire for a holiday. Striking workers and their families make substantial economic sacrifices. The purpose of a strike is to pressure the employer into saying yes when he would rather say no. Many unions are reluctant to strike because their members can be readily replaced, so they are using different tactics.

U: Is this an indication that the collective-bargaining process is working better?

I think it is. I think that in industry A: after industry, and even in the public sector, there is intensified labormanagement cooperation on qualityof-work-life programs. That movement is taking place across the United States, and I think that it is going to continue.

U: Do you think that union officials will have a greater share in management?

This is increasing all the time, and A: it takes many forms. First, labor unions now get much more information from managements than they ever did before; the cloak of confidentiality is not dropped as often. Unions are consulted much more than they ever were in the past.

When I joined Chrysler Corp.'s board of directors in 1979, I was the first union representative to serve as a corporate director. There now are union representatives on the boards of airlines and steel companies. I happen to think

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that this is a sound idea. A union representative brings different experience and a different perspective to the board.

U: American labor unions have long been among the Free World's mosteffective forces in combating communism. How is this battle going?

I think that the battle has been A: won. The labor movement and communism are absolutely incompatible. The only way that American workers can really have democracy, freedom and individuality in the work place is to belong to a union. Communism, on the other hand, is oppressive. It lacks fundamental liberties, such as freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and freedom of worship.

There was a time when the Communist Party had significant influence in the United States, but those days have been gone for 40 years. In the rest of the world, especially in some European countries, the Communist Party might have a tiny foothold in the labor movement, but generally speaking, the battle has been won. We have the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and as the name implies, this federation has no unions from the Soviet bloc or anywhere else that doesn't have free trade unions.

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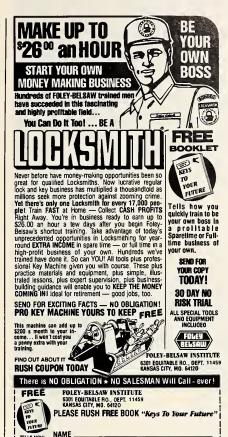
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The Yeomen (F) of World War I were the first enlisted women in the U.S. Navy. The National Yeomen (F) organization was established in 1926 by honorably discharged Yeomen (F) and received its national charter in 1936. Because of illness and infirmity—most of the 259 members are more than 90 years old—the organization disbanded Dec. 9, 1986. However, organizers want to reassure Yeomen (F) members that the contributions they made to the nation during the war will not be forgotten.

The Gertrude S. and F. Harvey Howalt family of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has provided the seed donation to establish the Smithsonian Yeomen (F) Memorial Fund #15896300 to finance exhibits, publications and historical naval research focused on perpetuating the memory of the Yeomen (F).

Donations may be sent to the Smithsonian Yeomen (F) Memorial Fund #15896300, Curator of Naval History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560.

Families of deceased veterans in the Danville, Ill., area appreciate the 27-man funeral detail from Curtis G. Redden Post 210. The post detail has performed military honors for 151 veterans in the past three years. The detail, which also provides pallbearers upon request, performs military rites for all veterans, whether or not they belong to the post. Two of the detail's senior members are World War I veterans Howard Hannum, 91, and Warren Albert, 92.

City fathers of Portsmouth, Ohio, are enthusiastic about Post 471's proposal to erect a \$1 million veterans' memorial and museum. The post already has spent \$40,000 to buy a 15,800-square-foot building to house the musuem. Plans include 20 rooms filled with military displays, with one section devoted to Medal of Honor recipients. Admission to the

museum will be free. As one supporter put it, "Men and women have already paid for it with their lives." The post is seeking state and federal money for the project.



Perhaps there's nothing unusual about a town having a monument to its war dead, but in Utuado, Puerto Rico, the new monument was strictly a one-man show. Rolando Cabanas, a retired U.S. Army sergeant and member of Legion Post 42, not only conceived the idea for the monument, but

also donated the \$60,000 spent on its construction. The monument, located on Post 42 grounds, consists of a bronze statue of an infantry soldier that is 9 feet tall and mounted on a red-granite pedestal. A bronze plaque lists the names of 22 town men who died in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Members of Post 140, Longview, Texas, apparently are firm believers in the adage, "If it's not broken, don't fix it." Members have reelected Mike Anglin as post commander for the past 18 years. According to post member George Ford, "We would not even consider anyone else to be our commander because Mike is a patriotic, dedicated Legionnaire who works all the time at being our commander." Ford said that nearly one-third of the members regularly turn out for the monthly meeting and credits Anglin for making the meetings attractive to members. One of Anglin's methods: a social hour and gourmet buffet dinner with Auxiliary members before each meeting.

COMMANDER

TARGET Interactive Project, sponsored by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Known as TIP, the project helps students cope with alcohol and other drugs through decision-making skills developed by a computer program; this program will be available to high schools during the coming school year. I hope that posts will act as catalysts in gaining local acceptance of the project, and in providing fund-raising help to obtain computer units for high schools across the nation.

In the past year, when Central America dominated the headlines, I went to that region twice to see what was being done to resolve the conflict. I am happy to report that there was some progress. However, there still is much to be done to secure peace and democracy in the region. The problems in Central America will remain a priority of The American Legion until the crisis is resolved and democracy reigns.

Delegates to the 70th national convention will gather in Louisville in September to elect a National Commander for the coming year. I am confident that you will support him with the same dedication and enthusiasm you have shown me.

The American Legion will continue to face challenges in the coming decade. The future of America depends on your determination to keep this nation strong. Our ideals and philosophies are based on the Constitution, and on the founding fathers' dedication to the goal of freedom and democracy for all

During the past year, I saw the good in people's hearts and what can be accomplished when we put our minds to it. The growth I experienced this year far exceeded what I thought was possible, and for that, I have you to thank. You proved to the world that the Legion is not a "gimme" organization—it is a giving organization. You made my year as National Commander a special and rewarding experience.

My wife, Eileen, and I wish each of you a long and happy life. Our love and prayers will always be with you.

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ENOLA GAY

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another reason why the 30-year-old Tibbets had "Enola Gay" painted on the nose of the plane on the eve of the Hiroshima mission.

"I knew the bomber would have historical significance," Tibbets said. "In those days, airplanes were named after everything: cities, towns, states, wives, girlfriends and also some not-so-verynice things. I knew for sure that there would be no chance of duplicating the name 'Enola Gay,' because it was so different."

One question that has not been different in the 43 years since Tibbets flew the atomic mission is: Was the bombing, which killed 80,000, necessary? Tibbets' answer has not differed, either.

"Yes, it was necessary," he said. "I have never regretted what I did and what my role in World War II was. I was carrying out an order, and I did it to the best of my ability; the decision to drop the bomb was not mine. A lot of people seem to have forgotten that the entire war was forced upon us, and we were

committed to ending it."

Tibbets wants the *Enola Gay* restored to mint condition, and given prominent display where it will be accessible to visitors, historians and aviation buffs. The restoration group approached Tibbets earlier this year and asked him to serve in the honorary position of director emeritus.

Tibbets, who retired from the Air Force as a brigadier general and now heads a private jet service, believes that there is a key reason why so many years have passed and so little work has been done to restore the bomber.

"I can do nothing but believe that there have been some people, both past and present, in our State Department who do not want the *Enola Gay* restored," Tibbets said. "They say the plane is too controversial, and that we will insult and offend the Japanese people if we restore the plane. That, they say, will strain trade relations between our countries."

According to the Smithsonian, one of the major problems in restoring the plane and giving it more-prominent display is that there is too little room at the Garber facility. There are plans to build a new air-and-space museum at Dulles International Airport, outside Washington, D.C. But even if construction began today, the museum would not be ready for at least five years.

Meanwhile, visitors can see the *Enola Gay* at the Garber facility either by appointment or by joining a scheduled tour.

PAUL TIBBETS stands in front of the atomic bomb, a duplicate of "Little Boy," behind *Bock's Car.* Nearby is a tattered, charred American flag that flew over Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. These are ominous symbols of the beginning and the end of a long, bitter global war.

"There are many legacies and lessons to be learned from any war, especially its futility," Tibbets said. "But equally important, we must understand that there is no shame whatsoever in being strong."

Perhaps Stewart sums up the feelings of many people when he talks about the restoration of *Enola Gay* and its relevance to history: "It is a powerful, jarring reminder for all generations of the staggering cost of peace." *By Joe Stuteville*

For more information on the restoration, write to the Enola Gay Restoration Association, 1010 E. 86th St., Suite 61-J, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or phone (317) 842-0607.

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By Mike Henson

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TOUGH DECISIONS

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of nine miles. Where are those warheads going to land? On our soil. That makes no sense. That does not deter the Soviets.

Third, there are about 80 Lance missiles, which are obsolete, with a range of 66 miles. Then there are 72 Pershing 1As in West Germany, with a range of 421 miles. They could hit militarily significant Soviet targets as far as western Poland, but West Germany is going to eliminate them when the INF Treaty is implemented.

That leaves dual-capable aircraft, with a range of 180 to 200 miles. These are tactical fighters that can carry conventional or nuclear bombs. But there are three problems with them: their limited range, the difficulty of refueling them in time of war and the Warsaw Pact's massive air defenses.

U. Against this relative NATO incapability, don't the Soviets keep 97 percent of their nuclear missiles?

That's a good point. The Soviets A. are giving up only 3 percent of their nuclear stockpile. Almost all the rest of their remaining warheads can strike Western Europe. What are we giving up? The one weapon system that the Soviets fear most: the Pershing II, which, coupled with the U.S. strategic nuclear forces, can keep the credibility of our deterrent as high as possible.

U. Do you believe that Gorbachev is sincere in seeking balanced disarmament and peace?

In the first place, he defines A. "peace" differently than we do. He is interested in what he can gain for the Soviet Union. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't work with him, negotiate with him and accept those things that are in our best interest. But I think we have to be on our guard.

U. What guidance do you have for the American people?

I think that the American people **A.** must realize the importance of a

THE LEGION'S POSITION

Res. 105, approved by the 68th national convention in Cincinnati in September 1986, urges the United States and other members of NATO to improve their conventional forces.

free Western Europe. The vital interests of this country are, I think, inextricably linked to those of Western Europe—not just because of traditional values, ideals, principles and customs, but also because of economic, political and military interests. This country should do everything it can to ensure that Western Europe remains free and outside the orbit of the Soviet Union.

That means recognizing the position in which the INF Treaty places Western Europe. We are running the risk of a Western Europe in which people depend on Gorbachev's good will for their future security and freedom. That is not in the best interest of this country.

U. How about America's own defense budget?

We are in for a real decrease in A. defense expenditures. So if the United States is going to maintain its leadership role in NATO, which we must do, we have to set the example. Further failure to improve our forces would not only reduce our ability to reinforce the security of Western Europe, but it also would decrease our ability to deal with security problems throughout the rest of the world.

U. Do you think that budget constraints might cause the United States to withdraw its troops from Europe?

That is possible. Some members of A. Congress believe that we should withdraw our forces so as to shock our European allies into contributing more to the collective deterrence of NATO. I believe it is a myth that the Europeans would do more if we do less.

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canal would be finished. There's no telling what he might do.'

Wallace said he sees the \$350 million transisthmus pipeline, which since 1983 has transported Alaskan North Slope oil from the Pacific to the Atlantic, as another potential target. "Electric power to a key pumping station was sabotaged recently, forcing a 20-hour shutdown of the pipeline," said Wallace. "If the pumping station itself should be knocked out, the oil pipeline would be out of business." The pipeline currently transports about 900,000 barrels of oil daily from tankers in the Pacific to others waiting in the Caribbean. Analysts say that any sudden interruption in this flow could mean long lines at gasoline pumps all over the East Coast of the United States.

Despite his threats and fiery rhetoric, Noriega has avoided moves that might provoke forceful U.S. reaction. A showdown could come if Panama tries to deny or delay canal passage to American warships. Although the treaties provide "head-of-the-line" priority for U.S. naval vessels, Noriega's chief negotiator, Romulo Escobar Bethancourt—who also is referred to as the "grandfather" of Panama's Communist Party-has said, "If the gringos with their warships want to go first, that's their problem. We cannot accept this."

In response to such threats, a growing number of congressmen are calling for "renegotiation" of the Panama Canal treaties to protect and strengthen U.S. interests. A resolution submitted by Representatives Robert Walker of Pennsylvania and Gerald Solomon of New York, and co-sponsored by more than 100 House members, would add

treaty provisions "to permit the permanent stationing, beyond the year 2000, of U.S. military forces in Panama..." It also would allow the United States "to act independently after the year 2000 to maintain the security of the Panama Canal and guarantee its regular operation."

Some critics insist that the 1977 Carter-Torrijos treaties themselves are unconstitutional. In his book, The Panama Canal Treaties Swindle, retired U.S. Coast Guard Capt. G. Russell Evans argued that a "last-minute counterreservation by Panama nullified U.S. rights to defend and keep open the canal unilaterally." These rights, he added, "presumably had been guaranteed by the DeConcini reservation (submitted by Sen. Dennis DeConcini of Arizona), without which the Senate would never have agreed to the treaties."

In a newly released book titled Canalgate, New York patent attorney Samuel J. Stoll presented a legal case that 1) the treaties are invalid because the lastminute Panamanian reservation never was considered, much less ratified, by the Senate, and 2) the United States has the duty and the original 1903 treaty to protect and defend the canal, even if it requires renouncing the 1977 treaties.

Realistically, it appears too late to undo the 1977 treaties without unacceptable worldwide repercussions. For now, the administration is keeping up the pressure on Noriega. In a move obviously aimed at dividing the dictator's support, the White House on June 10 issued an order denying U.S. entry to Panamanian officials working for or with the general's regime. Meanwhile, friendly Latin American governments are being asked to help find a solution.

But it will take more than words and gestures to break the military's grip and restore representative democracy in Panama. Come what may, the United States can ill afford to abandon the Panama Canal to hostile forces.

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Daniel John Sobieski Chicago

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Bruce Gregg San Antonio, Texas

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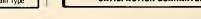
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"Well, every morning Daddy goes to the bathroom door and says, 'Good Lord! Are you still in there?'"

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